AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph immediately after line 7, page 4:

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

Please add the following paragraph immediately before line 9, page 4:

The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and wherein:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition to the abovementioned, ~~referring to a matter of severance,~~ fusion cutting was not ~~applicable to~~ available to sever the conventional Japanese-paper-style sheet, and the only cutting ~~way ended up in~~ method was to use a cutter. However, the stock sheet 14s of polyolefin constituting the nonwoven layer 14 of the present invention can be fusion-cut. Therefore ~~can be selected~~, the optimum severance for each of specific production processes can be selected, which may help reduce production cost.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As illustrated in FIG. ~~1(B)~~ 2(B), the islet textures 14b of the nonwoven layer 14 lie scattered on the ground texture 14a~~, and in~~. In FIG. 2(C), which is a cross sectional view, at least some of the islet textures 14b are arranged as if they float in the ground texture 14a. The islet textures 14b rise from the surface of the ground texture 14a, which renders the surface of the nonwoven layer 14 uneven. This unevenness depends upon the state of the synthetic fibers constituting the islet textures 14b, and the degree of "protrusion" of the islet textures 14b from the surface of the ground texture 14a, so that though it is not uniform as a whole, the average value of the size difference H between the minimum size of the nonwoven layer 14 on the ground texture 14a in the direction of thickness of ~~he~~ the nonwoven layer 14 and the maximum size of the nonwoven layer 14 in the area of the islet textures 14b preferably ranges from 50 microns to 300 microns.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case of the production of the nonwoven layer 14 ~~can be used the~~ known production ~~process~~ processes for general nonwovens ~~just as it is,~~ can be used, such as a paper-making process, a carding process, an air-lay process, ~~spanbond~~ a spunbond process, or a ~~melt-blow~~ melt-blowing process. The foregoing ~~process~~ processes using ~~the~~ a round net is a kind of ~~the~~ paper-making process. Therefore, as compared with the prior art method of rendering uneven the surfaces of the synthetic resin film constituting the laminated sheet as disclosed by the aforementioned patent publication, the production can be conducted at a much lower cost.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Additionally, ~~for the production of the nonwoven layer 14 can be used~~ the known production ~~process~~ processes for the general nonwovens for the production of the nonwoven layer 14 can be used, such as a paper-making process, a carding process, an ~~air-lay~~ air-laying process, a ~~spanbond~~ spunbond process, or a ~~melt-blow~~ melt-blowing process ~~just as it is~~. Therefore, as compared with the conventional method of rendering uneven the surfaces of the synthetic resin films consisting the laminated sheets, production can be performed at a much lower cost.

Please add the following paragraph immediately before line 9, page 4:

The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.